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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE JOHNSON

BEGIN SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE LIVINGSTONE B. JOHNSON HAS OUTLINED HIS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR SETTING UP DC AND NEW YORK MISSIONS AND FOR PLANS OF GCOB DELEGATION TO ATTEND UNGA OPENING SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CONVERSATION AUGUST 27, AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE JOHNSON TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER GCOB HAD DECIDED HE WAS TO RESIDE IN NEW YORK UNTIL COMPLETION OF UN SESSION IN DECEMBER. HE WILL NOT APPARENTLY MOVE TO WASHINGTON OR SET UP THE MISSION THERE UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

2. JOHNSON SAID THAT MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PAUL ADDERLEY HAD RETURNED FROM A "HOUSE-HUNTING" EXCURSION AUGUST 26. ADDERLEY FOUND OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY FOR JOHNSON AND SMALL STAFF. JOHNSON SAID HE MIGHT MOVE TO OTHER HOUSING IF ADDERLEY-SELECTED RESIDENCE WAS NOT TO HIS TASTE. ADDERLEY WAS NOT PLEASED, ACCORDING TO JOHNSON, WITH POSSIBILITIES AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON, SO "THE SEARCH WILL HAVE TO BEGIN THERE ALL OVER AGAIN."

2. JOHNSON PLANS TENTATIVELY TO LEAVE NASSAU SEPTEMBER 6 TO
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PUT HIS SON IN A CANADIAN SCHOOL IF SUITABLE OPENING IS
FOUND. JOHNSON WOULD EITHER GO DIRECTLY TO NYC FOR SEPTEMBER

18 UNGA OPENING OR RETURN TO NASSAU AND ACCOMPANY GCOB DELEGATION TO NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 16. GCOB DELEGATION WOULD BE HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER PINDLING AND INCLUDE PAUL ADDERLEY. JOHNSON SAID IT WOULD BE A STRONG DELEGATION, AND WONDERED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM OR THEM TO PREPARE THEMSELVES ON UN AGENDA BEFORE OPENING OF SESSION.

3. COMMENT: JOHNSON APPEARED SOMEWHAT PUT OUT BY DECISION TO KEEP HIM IN NEW YORK UNTIL DECEMBER, BOTH FOR PERSONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED INDIRECTLY THAT HE WASN'T BEING ALLOWED TO DO THE HOMEWORK HE THOUGHT NECESSARY TO PREPARE FOR HIS RESPONSIBILITIES. JOHNSON INDICATED HE KNEW LITTLE ABOUT ANY POSSIBLE PLANS OF PM PINDLING FOR ACTIVITIES IN US BEYOND HIS SEPTEMBER 16 ARRIVAL FOR UN OPENING SESSION.

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